



Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claim 5 and cancel claim 6 as shown in the following listing of claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) A method for providing a programmable amplification for a signal, the method comprising:

dividing the signal to be amplified into a plurality of signals;
coupling each of the divided signals into an amplifier circuit having a power source;
enabling a selected amplifier to select a programmable gain; and
removing the power source from a plurality of non-selected amplifiers by disconnecting ground connection from the plurality of the non-selected amplifiers.

6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) The method as in claim 5, wherein removing the power source from the plurality of non-selected amplifiers comprises disconnecting a power supply connection from the plurality of non-selected amplifiers.